

Premiers Hold Wilson's Note; Text Puzzles

**Action on Adriatic Issue
Postponed and Repetition
of Message Is Asked to
Clear Up Obscurities**

Italy Offers Concession

**Jugo-Slavs Fear Nitti's As-
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Menaces Their Interests**

PARIS, March 6.—President Wilson's reply to the note sent him by the Allied premier relative to the Adriatic was not discussed by members of the Supreme Allied Council at London yesterday because of obscurities in the text, the cable company, being asked for a repetition, says "Perrinax" in the "Echo de Paris." As far as can be ascertained, however, he says, Mr. Wilson does not show any desire to withdraw from the Adriatic, and accepts the French and British suggestions that efforts be made to reach a direct understanding between Italy and Jugo-Slavia relative to the Adriatic problem.

It is said that, should this step fail, Mr. Wilson would be ready to sanction any agreement satisfactory to the Italians and Jugo-Slavs, but that he lets it say the treaty is not the tentative agreement of December 9 as the most equitable solution of the problem and most consistent with previous Allied policy. The American President is understood to have said that he would accept the French and British suggestions as a means of settling the controversy, while carefully refraining from offering any other method for consideration.

As matters stand, "Perrinax" adds, the modification agreed upon in the bi-partisan conference. The amendment was adopted 55 to 12, the "irreconcilables" voting against it, and all the Democrats voting for it. The amended reservation then was adopted, 46 to 25.

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Corporation, Morse Dry Dock and Repair Company, W. A. Fletcher & Co., the Bethlehem Company, the Newport News Company, the Cramp Ship and Engine Company and others.

The Shipping Board's desires were explained in detail. The Leviathan was to be reconstructed, so that the United States would be represented in the trans-Atlantic passenger carrying service by a ship without a rival. She was to be transformed into an oil burner to cut operating costs.

Every executive at the meeting declined to attempt to make a lump sum bid for the job. After a lengthy discussion, the men finally agreed that the companies would send without cost to the government, experts to live aboard the Leviathan and serve on a general committee to draw up specifications that would enable bidders to make an intelligent and close bid on the reconverting job. The work of these men is nearly completed. Their specifications will be ready about April 1. It is known now that the work they are outlining will take at least a year to complete.

Overhauling Cuttled

From December until February 11 the International Mercantile Marine was going ahead with the work of overhauling, which must be distinguished from "reconverting." The overhauling included miscellaneous repairs to the machinery, as it was desired to have the vessel in readiness to go to sea at any moment; it also included certain fuel oil tests. Also as agents of the Shipping Board, the I. M. M. was obligated to keep steam in the boilers of the Leviathan at all times.

On February 11 the Shipping Board telegraphed instructions to the I. M. M. to cease all but absolutely essential work on the ship. The reconverting, of course, was paying the bills after they had been approved by Shipping Board officials. For acting as agents and directing this work the International Mercantile Marine has been receiving \$15,000 a month. The I. M. M. will supervise the work of the bidder who wins the contract to reconvert the ship.

The order to shut down all work not vitally essential was issued to the agents of all the German ships, and was designed to save the government money after it had been determined to sell the vessels. The decision was reached some time in January.

One of the principal factors weighed by the Shipping Board in reaching this decision was the fact that the hulls of the German ships had been hulled beverages cannot be sold aboard ships owned and operated by the United States. But the prohibition does not extend beyond the three-mile limit on ships flying the American flag which are privately owned.

The celebrated Chinaman's chance would be far compared with the likelihood of operating the chief passenger ships at a profit without a highly polished mahogany bar and a cocktail mixer of standing. Shipping agents believe that the three reasons Americans will have for going to sea hereafter will be the opportunities

President of the chamber, succeeding Rehad Kismet Bey, deceased.

During the debate it was charged the inter-Allied censorship did not permit Turkish language newspapers to tell the Turkish version of the Marsh incident, although it was said Greek and Armenian journals were permitted to give their versions, as well as publish reports of massacres elsewhere which never occurred. Turks, it is said, are not permitted to deny the Armenian massacres, and the British and Americans conduct the censorship. Americans are not participating in this work.

Sali Pasha, Minister of Marine, is to be named Grand Vizier, it is reported, instead of Izzet Pasha, who is the Nationalists' choice, and consequently distasteful to the Allies.

**Japan Recognizes
Armenia a Nation**

**U. S. Refuses; Its Policy
Is to Remain Aloof
Until Measures Are
Devised for Protection**

PARIS, March 6.—Japan has informed the Council of Ambassadors that she recognizes Armenia as a de facto government.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Recognition of Armenia by the Japanese government will not be followed by similar action by the United States or other Allied governments, it is believed here. The American position toward Armenia has been definitely established by the refusal by Congress to vote appropriations for the relief of the population there. The decided opposition in Con-

gress to the sending of troops to Armenia to put down the massacre by the Turks also is interpreted as an evidence of the desire of the United States to remain aloof from recognition until some method has been found by which the safety of the country can be assured.

In the connection it is known that the American State Department does not look with approval on the campaign for American recognition of Armenia, which is advanced at some of the Armenian relief benefits now being staged throughout the country. It is held that American recognition of Armenia at this period might be the worst thing that could happen to the unfortunate state, as its effect upon the Turkish mind might be such as to intensify the anti-Armenian sentiment apparent there now.

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Bainbridge Colby, recently nominated to be Secretary of State, was then chairman of the board.

The operating agreement, which was signed for the International Merchant Marine by P. A. S. Franklin, contains a clause that gives this company an option on the big vessel should the government decide to sell.

It is estimated that it will cost between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 to reconvert the vessel to the passenger service. The interior fittings were ripped out when she was placed in transport service.

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